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For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING CHEMICAL  
SUBSTANCES AND/OR PARTICLES, DEVICE AND  
USE THEREOF

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Sir:

This invention relates to electric fields applied parallel to and/or vertical to the interfaces on adjacent microfluid lamellae made of nonmiscible media containing said biomolecules and bioparticles to which they have different physico-chemical affinities in order to separate biomolecules and bioparticles and the biomolecules and bioparticles are electrophoretically separated.

As authorized and encouraged under 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.99, applicant hereby cites as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the following patents and/or documents, required copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified United States Patent Application:

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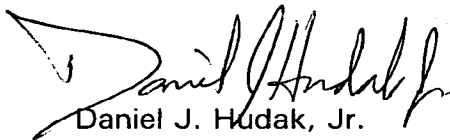
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An examination of the present application considering the above documents is requested.

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